IN THE CLAIMS

Presented below is a complete list of claims with changes marked up:

1. Canceled.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, further comprising

converting the digital media file into analog electrical data; and

manipulating the transfer of both the digital media file and the analog electrical data using a user interface on the client.

3. Canceled.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising manipulating the transfer of both the digital media file and the analog electrical data using a user interface on the client converter device.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising manipulating the transfer of both the digital media file and the analog electrical data using a portable electronic device.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the portable electronic device is a personal digital assistant.

7. Canceled.

8. Canceled.

9. Canceled.

10. Canceled.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, wherein receiving the digital media file from the network includes receiving the digital media file using a wireless transceiver via wireless transfer protocol.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the wireless transfer protocol is IEEE 802.11b.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the client converter device is a portable electronic device including a wireless local area network adapter.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the portable electronic device is a personal digital assistant.

15-60. Canceled.

61. (Previously Presented) A method to play back digital media, the method comprising:

receiving a portion of a digital media file stored on a server via a local area network into volatile memory in a client converter device;

converting the portion of the digital media file in the volatile memory to a format usable by a conventional media playback system; and

receiving a subsequent portion of the digital media file into the volatile memory via the local area network, wherein converting the portion of the digital media file and receiving the subsequent portion of the digital media file occurs substantially simultaneously.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, further comprising:

detecting an activation of a button on the client converter device to start playback.

63. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, further comprising:

establishing a communicative network connection between the client converter device and the conventional media playback system;

communicatively coupling the client converter device to the server via the local area network;

enabling user navigation through a digital media database stored on the server at the client converter device via the local area network;

selecting the digital media file for playback in response to user instruction; and

streaming the digital media file to the client converter device in response to user instruction.

64. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the client converter device is operable to perform the converting of the digital media file while the client converter device remains communicatively coupled to the server via the local area network.

65. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, wherein the digital media file comprises an audio file and the converted format usable by the conventional media playback system is an analog line level audio signal format.

66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61, wherein the digital media file comprises an audio file and the converted format usable by the conventional media playback system is an uncompressed digital audio bitstream format.

67. (Previously Presented) A machine-readable storage medium tangibly embodying a sequence of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving a portion of a digital media file stored on a server via a local area network into volatile memory in a client converter device;

converting the portion of the digital media file in the volatile memory to a format usable by a conventional media playback system; and

receiving a subsequent portion of the digital media file into the volatile memory via the local area network, wherein converting the portion of the digital media file and receiving the subsequent portion of the digital media file occurs substantially simultaneously.

68-70. Canceled.